

In the Claims

1. An anhydrous composition comprising
  - (a) an antioxidant comprising over 40% by weight of hydrolysable tannins having a molecular-weight of less than 1,000.
  - 5 (b) a substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous liquid vehicle functioning to disperse the antioxidant.
2. An anhydrous composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant comprises Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin and Punigluconin, preferably in an amount of 40-80 % by weight.
- 10 3. An anhydrous composition according to at least one of the preceding claims, wherein the antioxidant comprises by weight: 20-35% Emblicanin A, 10-20% Emblicanin B, 15-30% Pedunculagin and 3-12% Punigluconin and preferably the antioxidant has a content of Rutin of less than 0.01% by weight and preferably of flavonoids in general of less than 0.01% by weight.
- 15 4. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant has maximum absorbances (optical density) in the UV region of 0.8 at wavelength 410 nm, 0.1 at wavelength 470 nm, 0.08 at wavelength 530 nm, 0.09 at wavelength 590 nm, and 0.02 at wavelength 650 nm.
- 20 5. An anhydrous composition according to at least one of the preceding claims, wherein the substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous liquid comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of silicone fluids, organic esters and glycols, wherein the composition comprises preferably at least one silicone fluid.
- 25 30 6. An anhydrous composition according to at least one of the preceding claims, wherein the composition further comprises at least one structural agent and wherein said structural agent is preferably selected

from the group consisting of high melting point fatty alcohols, glycerol esters, glycol esters, polyethylene polymers and polyethylene glycol polymers.

5        7. An anhydrous composition according to at least one of the preceeding claims, wherein the composition further comprises a gelling agent, wherein said gelling agent preferably comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of silicone elastomers, gelled natural and mineral oil systems, and gelled mineral oil and polymer 10 systems.

8. An anhydrous composition according to at least one of the preceeding claims, wherein the composition further comprises at least one sunscreen.

15        9. An anhydrous composition according to at least one of the preceeding claims, further comprising an amount of bismuth oxychloride sufficient to impart an improved skin feel to the composition, wherein the bismuth oxychloride is preferably included as a predispersion.

20        10. A method of producing an anhydrous composition according to at least one of claims 1 to 9, said anhydrous composition further comprising each one of a structural and gelling agent, said process comprising the steps of:

25        (1) mixing up to 80% of said substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous vehicle and 5 to 90% of a structural and/or gelling agent with sufficient heat and mixing until a clear and uniform mixture is obtained.

30        (2) mixing the anti-oxidant with a minor amount of about 1-20% of said substantially anhydrous or non-aqueous vehicle with a minor amount of about 1-30% of said structural and/or gelling agent, under a sufficient heat but below 60°C until it contains no visible lumps, and

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- (3) mixing the product of step (2) with the product of step (1) at below 50°C.

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